

opposed to the internal surface 10B of the face plate 10, [and is having the] The color selection mask 20 has a curvature projected toward the face plate 10. In regard to the face plate 10 of the embodiment 1, the external surface 10A of the effective display area is substantially flat and thickness T of the peripheral part in the horizontal direction of the effective display area of the faceplate is larger than that T₀ of the central area of the effective display area. In other words, the internal surface 10B of the face plate 10 of the glass bulb 1 has the curvature recessed toward the color selection mask 20. The curvature of the color selection mask 20 is larger than the curvature of the internal surface 10B of the face plate 10. --

Please amend the paragraph in the specification starting at column 4, line 35, as

follows:

-- When it is assumed that the glass bulb 1 is held horizontally and the face plate 10 is cut at the horizontal line, the curve depicted by the internal surface 10B of the face plate 10 may be an arc or a curve expressed by a polynomial. When such curve is expressed by an arc, an inverse number of the radius of arc corresponds to the curvature of the internal surface 10B of the face plate 10. Moreover, when such curve is expressed by a polynomial, an inverse number of the radius of the arc connecting the three points of the peripheral area in the

horizontal direction of the effective display area of the face plate 10 and the center of the effective display area is defined as the curvature of the internal surface 10B of the face plate 10. In the color picture tube of the preferred embodiment 1, since the curvature of the color selection mask 20 is larger than the curvature of the internal surface 10B of the face plate 10, the distance up to the color selection mask from the peripheral area in the horizontal direction of the effective display area of the face plate 10 is longer than that up to the color selection mask from the center of the effective display area of face plate 10 [is longer than that up to the color selection mask]. However, in the color picture tube of the preferred embodiment 1, color purity, particularly, in the peripheral area of the television color picture tube can be remarkably improved by widening the pitch between the apertures 21, 21 (refer [refere] to FIG. 4B) provided in the color selection mask 20 as it goes to the peripheral area in the horizontal direction of the face plate 10.

follows:

-- The face plate 10 is bonded with a funnel 11 with a glass bonding agent. The face plate 10 near the funnel 11 is wound by a tension band 12 to enhance the strength of the glass bulb 1. As the schematic perspective view of FIG. 4A shows,